

DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller *W*

24 September 1965

1. The Director telephoned about two items.

a. He invited me to the lunch on Monday, 27 September, for

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basis. He wanted Dick Helms to attend, but Dick will not be available. [redacted] will be invited.

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b. The Director also said that he wanted to ensure that one person was designated from each of the Directorates to update the long-range plan developed by Mr. Kirkpatrick. I told him that we would do this but I reviewed with him the scheme I have in mind for the Agency planning system as a whole. He indicated again that he approved of this but wanted to make sure that the effort is started and that we set a deadline for updating the plan. I told him that we were working on the budget and that this deadline could not be earlier than 1 November. I think that he will settle for most anything, but this is the third time he has raised this with me. (I must take some prompt action to satisfy him that we are not just sitting on our "ditty box.")

2. I talked with Dick Helms about a briefing for the International Fellows of Columbia University on 20 October. He approved, provided that he did not have to be involved personally. I instructed Larry Houston to proceed but to coordinate with the Office of Training in advance.

3. Joe Becker brought [redacted] a computer specialist and consultant, in to talk with me. I gathered that [redacted] thought that it was urgent that we issue some policy guidance on centralization versus decentralization. I think that we can do this, and I asked Joe to draft something for my consideration along the following lines: We will maintain the WALNUT and NPIC facilities as decentralized computer centers. We will not allow any new centers to be decentralized unless there is an overwhelming reason for doing so, and the burden of proof will be on the sponsoring component. With the possibility that further or full centralization might someday be necessary, we will ensure that

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our systems and equipment are standardized so that if further or full centralization ever comes about we will not have wasted [redacted] or more and four years or more of time, which would be required to make the conversion.

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9:00 *Executive Committee*

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10:00 *to NIS speech*

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10:30 *Helms*

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11:30 *Leave for Pentagon*

12:00 *Chair of '33 luncheon at Pentagon (Rm. 3C668)*

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1:45 *Joe Becker*

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3:00 *Award ceremony*

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3:45 *Speak at Midcareer Course Rm 1A13 HQ*

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5:00 *Clarke*

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